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SUBJECT: VISA NUMBERS

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1. EMBASSY REGRETS RETURN OF VISA NUMBERS BY OM. INORDINATE MAILING TIME OF 17 DAYS POINTS UP ANOTHER ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEM IN PROCESSING VISA CASES. IN FUTURE, ALL VISA NUMBERS WILL BE RETURNED BY CABLE OR TELEX. IT IS NOTED THAT ON JUNE 5, 1974 WE RETURNED 643 NUMBERS BY OM WITHOUT APPARENT COMMENT.

2. RETURN OF 797 VISA NUMBERS FOR MAY CAUSE BY UP-SURGE IN NONIMMIGRANT VISA APPLICATIONS REQUIRING PART-TIME DIVERSION IMMIGRANT VISA OFFICER TO "NIV LINE". AS OF APRIL 15 WE CUT BACK ON IMMIGRANT APPOINTMENTS IN ANTICIPATION OF HEAVY NONIMMIGRANT APPLICATIONS AND FACT THAT SINCE MID-MARCH WE HAVE BEEN WITHOUT THIRD IMMIGRANT VISA OFFICER (FSR-6 MCHUGH WAS REASSIGNED TO ADMIN SECTION AS ACTING GSO UPON DIRECT TRANSFER GSO- HIS REPLACEMENT, AN INEXPERIENCED CONSULAR OFFICER SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN JULY). NIV QUEUE NOW FORMING ABOUT 0400 HOURS FOR VISA BRANCH OPENING 08:00. WE TAKE IN AS MANY AS CAN BE INTERVIEWED THAT DAY AND CLOSE DOORS. PUBLIC RELATIONS WILL INEVITABLY SUFFER UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES

3. WE DO NOT MAINTAIN AN ADMINISTRATIVE WAITING LIST FOR IVS, BUT MUST SCHEDULE APPOINTMENTS WELL IN ADVANCE SINCE MORE THAN
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HALF OUR APPLICANTS ARE ON OVERSTAY INS DOCKET CONTROL IN UNITED

STATES. BECAUSE OF MAILING TIME AND NEED FOR APPLICANT TO MAKE TRAVEL PLANS ETC., APPOINTMENTS WELL IN ADVANCE HAVE BEEN FOUND NECESSARY FOR YEARS. IN SPITE OF THAT, HIGH PERCENTAGE OF NO-SHOWS BECAUSE OF NON-RECEIPT OF APPOINTMENT LETTER, LACK ADEQUATE DOCUMENTATION AT TIME OF FORMAL INTERVIEW, RESULTS IN VISA NUMBERS GOING UNUSED.

4. WE GIVE EARLY APPOINTMENTS WHEN APPLICANT IS HERE AND SCHEDULE PERMITS. IR CASES RECEIVE EARLY APPOINTMENTS.

5. BECAUSE OF CHRONIC SORTAGE OF OFFICER PERSONNEL, WE CANNOT SCHEDULE ADDITIONAL IMMIGRANT INTERVIEWS. IN VIEW OF COMPLICATIONS UNIQUE TO OUR TYPE OF APPLICANT, INTERVIEWS ARE MORE TIME CONSUMING AND ONE OFFICER CAN HANDLE ONLY 25-30 NEW APPLICANTS PER DAY (35-40 RE-INTERVIEWS ALSO SCHEDULED). AS POINTED OUT PARA TWO, SINCE MID-APRIL WE HAVE HAD TWO INTERVIEWING OFFICERS IN IV UNIT AND AT TIMES ONLY ONE WHEN NIVS ARE HEAVY.

6. CONGEN'S LETTER OF MAY 21, 1975 TO MR. SOMERVILLE, SCA/EX, COPY TO VO, EXPLAINED OUR CUT BACK TO 35 NEW INTERVIEW IV APPOINTMENTS PER DAY. TO REMAIN CURRENT, WE SHOULD BE INTERVIEWING AT LEAST 85 IVS PER DAY.

7. THIS PROBLEM WILL BE FURTHER EXACERBATED IN JULY WHEN ONE OF OUR TWO IV OFFICERS DEPARTS (FSSO-4 MERSON LEAVES JULY 3 HIS REPLACEMENT, AN INEXPERIENCED CONSULAR OFFICER SCHEDULED ARRIVE MID-JULY). FSO-6 STREICHER DEPARTS LATE AUGUST MAKING COMPLETE TURN-OVER IV OFFICER PERSONNEL. HE WILL BE REPLACED BY ANOTHER INEXPERIENCED CONSULAR OFFICER.

8. OUR CONSULAR PACKAGE APRIL 18, 1975 POINTED OUT NEED FOR FOURTH IV INTERVIEWING OFFICER. WE WISH TO REITERATE THAT REQUEST AT THIS TIME (AS WELL AS ADDITION SCS OFFICER POSITION). FURTHER, INFORMATION IN CONSULAR PACKAGE SHOULD BE REVISED IN THAT RECENT REPORTS FROM AIRLINES INDICATE THAT UP TO 1,800 SEATS PER WEEK AVAILABLE KINGSTON TO SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO OF WHICH AIRLINES ESTIMATE 75 PERCENT WITHOUT VISAS UNDER AUTHORITY CONTAINED 22 CFR 41(6)(B), WHO WILL REQUIRE NIV UPON SUSPENSION OF VISA WAIVER. THEREFORE, ESTIMATE OF 40 ADDITIONAL VISAS TO BE ISSUED DAILY SHOULD BE REVISED UPWARDS AND MAY UNCLASSIFIED

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DOUBLE OUR PRESENT NIV VOLUME.

9. UNTIL PERSONNEL SHORTAGE CAN BE RESOLVED, REQUEST THAT DEPARTMENT GIVE URGENT CONSIDERATION TO DETAIL OF AT LEAST ONE CONSULAR OFFICER DURING PEAK SUMMER MONTHS JULY-SEPTEMBER AS HAS BEEN DONE IN PAST YEARS. GERARD

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